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¶1. (SBU) Prior to delivering reftel non-paper, Ambassador coordinated with the Australian High Commission in Brunei and received the assurance of the High Commissioner that Australia supported the pre-invitation. Note: by mutual agreement with the USG, Australia has the lead on PSI in Brunei.

¶2. (U) DCM delivered reftel non-paper to Arni Abu Bakar, USA Desk Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MoFAT) on December 19. Abu Bakar responded that many of the key MoFAT officials working on PSI were on leave for the holidays (Aidul Adha was celebrated in Brunei December 20th).

Notwithstanding the seasonal slowdown at MoFAT, Abu Bakar assured that she would bring the pre-invitation to the early attention of the relevant officials. Post will report if we receive any further information about possible Brunei participation in this PSI event.

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